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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous day. The market tone was mixed, usually steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for the lighter weight eggs and fully sufficient to ample for the larger sizes. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were mostly sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for large. Other reported prices were unchanged but were trending lower for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand both remained mostly light to at times moderate although feature activity planned for next week is expected to slightly increase customer interest. Supplies were mostly adequate for the lighter weight eggs and fully adequate to ample for the larger sizes.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	55-65	56-62				
LARGE	54-64	55-58				
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37				
			LARGE		30-39	34
			MEDIUM		17-21	19
			SMALL		5-7	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower on the larger sizes. Trade sentiment was mixed entering the weekend. Demand was mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with the larger sizes in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for a moderate demand. Schedules were noted as normal to reduced. Spent hens were mostly sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-78	66-70
LARGE	56-73	64-68
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged but were trending lower for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was reported as slightly improved but was still light to moderate with features providing the best customer interest. Food service movement was mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies were usually adequate for the lighter weight eggs and fully adequate to ample for the larger sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65.5-74	67-70
LARGE	63.5-72	65-68
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on the balance. The market tone ranged steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to ample with the larger sizes in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules were reported as normal to reduced. Spent hens were mostly sufficient for a fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were noted as regular.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64.5-75	66-69
LARGE	63-71.25	64-67
MEDIUM	36.5-44	37-41

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous day's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady to at best steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to instances moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	66-70
LARGE	64-68
MEDIUM	47-51

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-71	64-68
LARGE	61-70	62-64
MEDIUM	39-48	42-44

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WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady to weak. Asking prices for next week were 6 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 7 cent lower on large, and unchanged on medium. Retailer demand was light to moderate. Offerings were fully adequate to ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week 6 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 7 cent lower on large, and unchanged on medium and small. Retailer demand fair overall. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 58.

CALIFORNIA Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	118
EXTRA LARGE	110
LARGE	100
MEDIUM	78

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	91-107
EXTRA LARGE	89-98
LARGE	87-90
MEDIUM	65-68

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	259-309
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	179-229
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand light as most breakers needs were satisfied into early next week. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	34-37	35-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-26	22-24
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were lower when compared to early week trading. The undertone was no better than steady with continued caution noted. Offerings were fully sufficient, but not ample. Breaking schedules for next week ranged from normal to reduced for the holidays. Demand was moderate but not aggressive. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 24-Sept- 2005 were 5% less than the previous week, but 2% more than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	30-39	33-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-25	19-23
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -W/E 24-Sep-05
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,371,155	32,291	12,895	6,900	3,025	4,363
PW	1,344,955	33,183	12,363	6,434	3,128	4,462
LY	1,255,426	28,351	13,070	7,030	2,437	4,315
% PW	2%	-3%	4%	7%	-3%	-2%
% LY	9%	14%	-1%	-2%	24%	1%
2005	49,692,365	1,170,775	487,437	261,046	111,259	167,833
2004	46,795,448	1,110,670	449,714	243,247	104,979	160,187
% YTD	6%	5%	8%	7%	6%	5%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	41.17	41.97	42.03
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	37.99	38.65	38.59

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	566,125	41.3%	14,804	45.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	541,747	40.3%	14,288	43.1%
LAST YEAR	484,961	38.6%	12,040	42.5%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices were unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/24 was unchanged from the previous week. Frozen demand mainly moderate with freezer stocks adequate overall.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE
WHOLE	55-59
WHITES	40-43
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-79
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-77

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with whites unchanged. Sugared yolk ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher with salted yolk ranging irregular when compared to the past week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady for whole egg and steady on the balance of frozen products. Offerings were balanced to adequate with demand light to moderate. Floor stocks continued to be reported as closely balanced to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were lower when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	49-52	49-50
WHITES	35-38	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-77	72-77
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-71	

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to higher on sugar yolks, other truck lot items were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair, but not aggressive. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was mixed as packers were showing increase costs for energy, and ingredients, especially sugar. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 24-Sep-2005 were 10% less than the previous week, and 1% lower than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	46-54	49-51	54-60
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		65-85
WHITES	33-37	35-36	40-55
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-77	71-76	76-84
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-72	69-71	73-82

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were slightly lower on yolks, unchanged to higher on albumen, and unchanged on whole and blend when compared to a week earlier. Trading was light to fair. Offerings were sufficient, but not freely available. Trade sentiment was usually steady on albumen, about steady to steady on whole, and mixed on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 24-Sep-2005 were 3% less than the previous week, but 24% higher than a year earlier. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were up 7% over a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.42-1.85	MOSTLY	1.65-1.75
YOLKS	1.65-1.85	MOSTLY	1.65-1.76
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.10-2.45	MOSTLY	2.25-2.40
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.29-1.55	MOSTLY	1.30-1.55

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 60 to 61 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 26 cents fob. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady for whole egg and mostly steady on the balance of liquid products. Demand was good for all liquid egg products this week with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Liquid demand for next week was reported as slowing. Buyers were currently bidding lower prices for liquid products with minimal success. Central States breaking prices were lower when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LW
WHOLE	18	35-37	35.49	-.59
WHITES	13	19-20	19.92	.20
YOLKS	12	64.5-65.5	64.75	-.08

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 23, 2005-SEPT 29, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							82.75	FUTURE LOADS			52.50	TOTAL LOADS					135.25							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW										
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	37.00	—	45.50	43.00	—	—	7.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	58.50	8.00	GL W J	48.00	—	—	—	60.80	1.50	
GNR W 2	—	—	35.75	37.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	48.63	13.50	GL W LG	34.50	50.50	—	65.25	—	47.56	14.75
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	23.00	—	—	—	—	—	28.00	1.50	GL W SM	15.00	16.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	64.50	66.00	56.50	60.00	3.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	37.00	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W XL	50.67	54.17	52.88	56.13	36.00	47.50	43.50																	
GL W LG	—	—	51.00	50.67	36.00	33.97	20.25																	
GL W MD	33.00	—	28.83	30.83	25.00	27.00	6.75																	
GL W SM	20.20	23.70	16.78	18.83	15.00	16.50	4.50																	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	37.31	37.37	43.00																	
NRBS - 45	29.00	32.00	35.00	37.25	29.00	31.00	8.00																	
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	27.00	30.00	2.00																	
NRBS - 39	23.00	25.00	—	—	18.00	—	7.00																	
NRBS - 36	—	16.00	—	—	13.00	—	2.00																	

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 5-13 9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Transactions were too few to report. Demand was moderate. Offerings were at least adequate. Schedules were reduced. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were seasonally moderate for the fair demand. Trade sentiment steady. Schedules full-time for next week.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 4.5-11 8-10

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules generally moderate. Offerings adequate.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; fair to no better than moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT

NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER

HENS HEAVY CANNER HENS

(LINE

RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

(WITHOUT NECKS)

19-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

(WITHOUT NECKS)

21-31 MAJORITY 26-27

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 24-Sep-05

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,229	1,529	2,758
Last Week	1,331	1,551	2,882
Same week yr ago	1,523	1,316	2,839
To-date/2005	56,022	54,017	110,039
To-date/2004	51,888	50,917	102,805

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	367	0	367
Last Week	214	0	214
Same week yr ago	256	0	256
To-date/2005	10,122	40	10,162
To-date/2004	9,194	90	9,284

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,596	1,529	3,125
Last Week	1,545	1,551	3,096
Same week yr ago	1,779	1,316	3,095
To-date/2005	66,144	54,057	120,201
To-date/2004	61,082	51,007	112,089

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL SEPT 30, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	68.00	66.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	67.50	65.50	39.00
MIDWEST	59.00	56.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	68.50	66.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	65.84	63.71	39.63

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending September 17, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	363	608	12,509	12,018
Frozen	0	0	113	11
Dried	1	0	490	493
Total	364	608	13,112	12,522

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending September 17, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	182	100	5,030	6,693
Frozen	0	3	705	1,323
Dried	0	0	371	1,813
Total	182	103	6,106	9,829

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending September 17, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	17	60	162	378
Extra Large	5,340	5,250	160,995	135,786
Large	6,856	8,545	249,508	284,182
Medium	1,800	4,350	79,882	96,451
Ungraded	25,590	11,046	110,044	228,990
Misc	0	0	8,053	16,790
Total	39,603	29,251	608,644	762,577

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

W/E 24-Sep-2005		CASES		(Receipts From Producers)	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
North Atlantic	246.2	1	-6		
East North Central	587.6	-7	4		
West North Central	268.2	-6	-8		
South Atlantic	196.2	0	-9		
South Central	61.6	-2	-12		
West	197.3	0	0		
Total	1557.1	-1	-3		

Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86
 Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

Selected Consuming Centers		CW	LW	W/E 24-Sep-2005	
		(Thousands)		PERCENT CHANGE	
				LW	LY
Atlanta		23.0	23.9	-4	-28
Boston		3.5	3.1	13	3
Chicago		84.2	70.7	19	56
Detroit		21.3	23.6	-10	-13
Kansas City		2.5	3.0	-17	25
Los Angeles		110.3	111.3	-1	25
New Orleans		5.2	1.1	373	-15
New York		29.4	28.4	4	7
St. Louis		16.4	13.9	18	-19
San Francisco		19.1	17.6	9	6
Total		314.9	296.6	6	14
4 Week Moving Avg.		317.1			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Sep 27, 2005

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	123	113	74	40
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	116-120	106-110	67-71	33-37
MOSTLY	118-119	108-109	69-70	35-36
RHODE ISLAND	119-123	109-113	70-74	39-43
MOSTLY	119	109	70	39
VERMONT	123-125	113-115	74-75	-
MOSTLY	123	113	74	-

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 09/26/05	3,450	115,070	54,851
AM 09/01/05	3,517	118,073	52,120
CHG	-67	-3003	2731
PCT CHG	-2%	-3%	5%

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